

COUGARS: Still at top of their game

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Allen snatched two interceptions while teammate Cole Hafer snagged one.

Wallowa Coach Matt Brockamp took the win in his

usual laconic stride.

"We've been working hard. We play Joseph at home next week, and we go to the district championships from there. We're excited for what's to come," Coach Brockamp said.

MUSIC: Fee will help save music program

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To register, turn in a registration form by Nov. 2 with a \$25 entry fee. There will be three age group categories at the tournament, each with its own bracket. The registration

forms will be at Joseph Charter School's front office.

Any questions about how to register can contact Van Winkle's email at deni.vanwinkle@students.josephcharter.org or call at 541-263-2656.

BIRDIES: Golf course closed until next year

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Board director, Dan Cornett says it's been a good golf season financially. Curt Nebel says it's been an excellent six months in the restaurant/bar, and Gregg Sturtevant says because he has such an excellent group of employees he's had a satisfying year too.

Looking forward to April 2016, Cornett would like to see an organized youth program, not just a two-day basic lesson the course has offered in the past. Nebel, now having his foot in the clubhouse door, has ideas of improvements to the pro-shop and restaurant.

Sturtevant has tee boxes to finish, a sample putting green to build near the pond, and a Quonset-type building to erect, purchased from Jeff Stoffel, of Stoffel Bros Drilling.

Alpine Meadows is really a lonely place when the clubhouse turns out the lights, kind of like when golfing friends go south for the winter. We wish all members well, and look forward to their safe return to the 2016 golf season.

Personal thanks to Rob Ruth, immediate past editor of the Chieftain, for giving this golfer/writer an opportunity to represent Alpine Meadows with a weekly golf column.

Determined Pine Eagle bests Joseph, dashes playoff hopes

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH Things looked bright for Joseph's playoff hopes as the halftime score at the Oct. 16 game against Pine Eagle stood at 28-14 in the Eagles' favor. Joseph came roaring out in the second half with running back Cayden DeLury scoring on a 65-yard run on the opening play from scrimmage. Unfortunately, the run was called back due to a holding penalty.

An obviously flustered Eagles team couldn't get back in the game after the penalty. In the second half, the Eagles backfield took turns coughing up the ball, sometimes without even being hit, eventually losing a half dozen fumbles. When things went well offensively, costly penalties gave opportunities for the Pine Eagle offense to capitalize.

Pine Eagle picked away at the Eagles defense as uncovered receivers laid down big gains and running backs chewed up the clock tearing off chunks of rushing yards, eventually catching up to and passing the Eagles with a 36-28 lead until the waning moments of the fourth quarter.

The Eagles finally caught fire and marched toward the goal line with quarterback Aaron Borgerding scoring on



Borgerding looks downfield for a receiver during the Oct. 16 game vs. Pine Eagle. Joseph lost the game 44-42 in overtime.

Steve Tool/Chieftain

a bootleg and running back Logan Welch running for the two-point conversion for the tie. The game went into overtime.

Joseph had first possession on the Pine Eagle 25, with DeLury running in for the score several plays later. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful. Pine Eagle rebounded with their quarterback scampering into the end zone from 25 yards out and

virtually untouched. They ended the game with their conversion.

While disappointed with the loss, coach Toby Koehn saw reasons for optimism.

"DeLury had 167 yards on the ground, and the kids played pretty well," said Coach Koehn. "We pretty much dominated the game except for turnovers - we had five or six. The penalties didn't help either. We should

have come out on top," he said.

Koehn added that the players felt disappointed in their performance.

"They're understanding what it takes to win, the mindset to become a winner and how difficult it is to be a winner and stay on top. We're working on it," he said.

The Eagles' final game of the season is Oct. 23 in Wallowa.

Tough year leaves Cougars at bottom

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA The hard-luck Wallowa Cougars volleyball team finished last weekend with a record of nine wins, 16 losses; an Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) ranking of 51 (out of

62 teams in the 1A division); and last place in the Old Oregon League.

The rankings are disappointing, but those who watched this team saw their Cougars fighting all the way and demonstrating tremendous heart in the face of constant substitutions due to injury

and sickness. They just never found their rhythm this year. Fans of the team can't wait to see what next year will bring.

Last week's games were against the number 17-ranked Echo Cougars Oct. 13 (25-6, 25-14, 25-7); the number six-ranked Powder Valley Badgers Oct. 16 (25-16, 25-11, 25-11)

and the number 23-ranked Joseph Eagles (who headed for District in fourth place in the Old Oregon League), Oct. 17 (25-8, 25-15, 25-13).

Scores from the final League Playoff Game, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Echo, were not available at press time.

Outlaws miss district, end happy-scrappy

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Outlaws knew they were not going on to district after the loss with number 20-ranked Elgin Huskies Thursday, Oct. 15, (25-19, 25-12, 22-25, 25-10) so the Outlaws decided to go out with a cheer the rest of the weekend.

"This weekend was a lot of fun," said Coach LaShawnda

Gill. "The girls knew there was no pressure due to the fact we could not make it to districts win or lose. I used our games Saturday, Oct. 17, to make sure everyone got a chance to play, we tried some new things such as players playing in different positions and made sure our last game of the season was memorable for the seniors."

They may not have been

focused on winning, but the Outlaws proved once again staying happy and scrappy serves this team well.

The next two games, against number 13-ranked Union Bobcats (25-23, 25-9, 25-22) and number seven-ranked Imbler Panthers (25-15, 25-16, 25-16) were losses, but the Outlaws ended the season a big stride ahead of their dead last place at the

start of the season and continued to show an impressive ability to hang with the big dogs on a lot of their games. The Outlaws finish their season OSAA ranked at 34 with a record of 14 wins to 46 losses.

"The girls have a lot of fun and had smiles on their faces all day," Coach Gill said. "It was an awesome day of volleyball."

ODFW: Oregon elk showing hoof disease

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is asking hunters and others in northwest Oregon to be on the lookout for limping elk that may have hoof disease.

The new hoof disease, caused by a bacteria associated with hoof disease described

in Washington Elk herds, has been spreading. The online reporting page www.odfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health_program/elk hoof disease/ was launched last year and since then samples from 11 Oregon elk have been collected with five testing positive to the Treponema bacteria.

"Observations reported by the public are critical in mapping where the disease currently exists," said Greg Reed, ODFW wildlife health lab biologist. "There is quite a bit to learn about this new disease in elk in Oregon and every new observation helps."

The bacterial infection

causes severe lameness, loss of hoof horn or deformed and overgrown hooves. The infection first appeared in southwest Washington in 2001-2005 but has become increasingly widespread over the past decade. In some southwest Washington elk herds 20 to 90 percent are showing lameness.

ODFW reports sporadic cases of hoof disease have always been seen, but not until recently have veterinarians confirmed the presence of multiple species of bacteria, including Treponema, that are believed to cause hoof disease in elk.



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This bull elk, crippled by hoof disease caused the deformity, is an example of what hunters may see in Eastern Oregon herds as the bacterial infection spreads south from Washington State.

There are no practical ways to treat free-ranging elk with hoof disease.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's athlete of the week is from the Wallowa High School football program and features running back Noah Allen. Allen is a senior at WHS.

Allen was instrumental in the Cougars lopsided 70-14 victory over Pine Eagle at the team's homecoming game on Oct. 16. The running back ran wild over the Badgers defense, racking up 279 yards on only 10 carries, with a long run of 80 yards. On defense, Allen was second in tackles with three.

He had three assists as well as snagging two interceptions at his free safety position. Allen is the son of Karen Young of Wallowa.

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